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GLASGOW CONFERENCE

OF THE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF

Latter-Day Saints.

HELD IN THE

MECHANIC'S INSTITUTION HALL,

CANNING STREET, CALTON, GLASGOW,

1*st JANUARY*, 1852.

ROBERT CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT.

PATRICK LYNCH, SECRETARY.

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CONFERENCE REPORT.

Glasgow, 31*st December*, 1851.

The Delegates from the Branches met this evening in Carrick's Temperance Hall, and gave in the monies for the different funds collected during the quarter, as shown in the Table, and reported the standing of their Branches. President Campbell gave some excellent instructions to the Presidents of Branches. He anticipated a good time, hoped the Lord would favour us with his holy spirit, that the business of the Conference might be so transacted as to bring glory to God, and salvation to the people. It was voted that we continue our present number of Stars for this Conference. Voted, That when members remove, we state on their lines the number of Stars they take out, and that the sub-agent inform the general agent, that their Stars may be transferred to the branch they have removed to. Voted that we send in one month's quota of the Conference Fund at the end of the first month. The Perpetual Emigration Fund, and other matters, were talked on with warmth and spirit by Elders Campbell and Lyon, when the meeting was dismissed in the name of the Lord.

Thursday Morning, *January* 1, 1852.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer,—President Robert Campbell said—"I feel glad this morning to meet with my brethren and sisters. I desire to feel like a clean sheet of paper, unruffled and placid, for the Spirit of God to write on my heart; and I wish to have much of the spirit of God, that the way to lead this people may be clearly made manifest. We will have a first-rate time to-day; a good Soiree at night; and an excellent time to-morrow. We will

get some good instructions from Brothers Franklin and Samuel. We shall endeavour to do all with the fear of God in our hearts, and then we will have a joyful time, and be acceptable with him. We intend to give instructions on general items. First, we will present before you the Church authorities. The Clerk then put the motions.

1st, That we sustain President Brigham Young, and his Councillors, Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards, as the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in all the world.

2d, That we sustain Father John Smith as the Presiding Patriarch.

3d, That we sustain the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles,—Orson Hyde, President.

4th, That we sustain Franklin D. Richards, George B. Wallace, and Levi Richards, as the Presidency of the British Islands.

5th, That we sustain Elders P. P. Pratt, John Taylor, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and the brethren with them, on their missions to the nations.

6th, That we express our satisfaction towards Elder Campbell, and witness by our votes that we have appreciated his labours, as President of the Glasgow Conference.

7th, That we sustain the appointment of Elder John Lyon, to succeed Elder Campbell to the Presidency of the Glasgow Conference.

The Clerk then read Elder Campbell's letter of appointment to the pastoral charge of the Church in Scotland,—when, the Conference sustained him in that appointment.

They also sustained Elder Patriek Lynch as Conference Clerk ; Elder Thomas Kirkwood as General Book and Star Agent; Elder Wm. J. Anderson as Treasurer for the Perpetual Emigration Fund; also the Presidents of the various Branches; and the Travelling Elders throughout the Conference. All these votes were carried unanimously, without a dissenting voice.

Elder Campbell—"I can report this Conference to be in tolerable standing. Most of the Branches good, but some of them not what I desire. Some Presidents are afraid that I get among the people. I wish to say what I consider right, and Franklin is here, and he can set me right if I get wrong. Presidents of Branches, you give counsel to your Branch,—Have your people the right to come to me? Yes, they have! You are their President; so am I yours. If your people come to me, and they feel right, they bear witness of your goodness; if you counsel them wrong, I can redress. If they have a wrong spirit, I can rebuke them and say, go to the man over you. I want you to go to Franklin if you have any thing to say to him about me. I would like he would spend some time with you. It vexes my heart when a President of a Branch gets slack, and loses the spirit. I can hardly get past him to the people.

I cannot say there is that good feeling here I should like to see manifested towards the circulation of the Star. When Presidents

have the spirit of their office, and are wide awake to the whisperings of the still small voice, they will be alive to the interest of the Star, as promptly as to all other matters.

I shall read to you from the 24th No. of the 13th Vol. (see page 372). If we pay our debts we will help the office, and not be a drag on it. These measures must receive your most careful attention. There are some of the Branches deep in debt, and I don't feel well at it. Men that take liberties with the funds of a Church will find a curse come upon them; and they will have to make an atonement in some way. When you do wrong, the justice of God is after you. I have my eye upon these things, and I know why some Presidents have not that plenitude of the Spirit, so requisite to be possessed in their office. I tell some of you, you must repent, and do better: you are shepherds to feed the sheep and nourish the lambs; and you should be full of the bread of life to hand out to the people. What a blessed privilege to feed the flock of God! Who thinks enough of it? Some acknowledge the Spirit is away from them, but they do not know the reason. But I say you do know the reason! Would God give you the Spirit of your calling, and take it away from you without any reason? I often feel God passes by my weaknesses for the good of this people, and makes me see as with an angel's eye, for the sake of his Saints. Will God take the harness off your backs if you work well? no, indeed, if you wear it with honour; and it will fit you so snug that all people will love you who love righteousness. In relation to the Perpetual Emigration Fund, some have done well, and have carried out the measures adopted. Some have done nothing! they had other burdens on their shoulders. I want you to feel rich, and realize that you are in the work of the Great God. Some cry they are poor, and are not able to do anything; they are so full of poor feelings that they almost make me feel miserable when I am beside them: and yet it is not the poorest who cry soonest. Some contract poverty that does not belong to them. There are some poorer than those who are twice as poor, or in worse circumstances. We are the people of God! He is rich, and if we cry poverty He will be ashamed of us. A gentleman's son, though poor, would not acknowledge it, because he has noble feelings,and would not dishonour his parentage. If the Spirit of God is with us, we aint poor. If we realize what God has done for us, and his purposes concerning us, we cannot feel poor. Again, my heart is with the Perpetual Emigration Fund; and if God gives me means I want to support that Fund. Sometimes a brother gives me a sovereign: cannot I help the Fund? Yes! I get rich by giving away. The liberal man gets rich by his liberality. Riches are in the heart, not in gold. A man may be in the possession of gold, and yet have poverty in his heart. In relation to the Conference Fund, I would say the Branches have done well. When I started this quarter I was without money, and when I wanted to do any thing I never stuck for want of means; I always borrowed, and I have found friends that way. I said last Conference the Fund would do well this quarter. It has: I expect you will do better by Brother Lyon. Brother Franklin will introduce the Tithing to you.

Travelling Elders, I feel good to you, but I postpone your instructions until to-morrow. We have a good deal to say to you about your future fields of labour. Do not be in a hurry going off. I lie down

with these things upon me, and I rise up with them. Do not have hard feelings for what has been said. We must administer justice to you, then the mercy of God will claim you. You have received me kindly since I came among you: this people can unbosom themselves to me. Brother Lyon came here yesterday, but was not acquainted with the business, hence I have had to step forward. Brother Franklin will say something with regard to Brother Lyon and myself. Meeting adjourned for a quarter of an hour.

Afternoon Service, Half-past One p.m.

Singing and prayer by Elder S. W. Richards. President F. D. Richards: "I wish you all a Happy New Year. I was so anxious that you might have a happy time, I thought I would come and help you. I well remember when I first came amongst you, you received me kindly, although a stranger; and I was but a few days here until I found the warmest of friends, which has attached me, to the Church in Scotland, more so than any other place except Zion. Brother Campbell reports the Conference in tolerable standing; but I can say you are in good standing; for you have got good men over you, that will tell you what to do, and when wrong, put you in the way of doing right. The brethren from the Valley have brought the good spirit with them, and the same spirit seem to unite the feelings of all who are engaged in the work of God, in love and union. The present condition of the world calls upon us to live so that the spirit of God may be with us. I know what it is to fight with Established Churches. London Conference has baptized lately 13 or 1400, and when I looked at Scotland I asked, why cannot the same be done there? but you are bound in here by the strong walls of superstition, like a nut in a shell, their prejudices are strong in favour of the churches of their fathers. I want this Conference enlarged—I want Elder Lyon to enlarge himself. We must not stand still. I will now make an observation on what brother Campbell said this morning. When I am among the Saints, and see a man who wants me not to go among them, there I want to go, that I may see what he wishes to hide. When any of the "Twelve" are with me I want them to step forward, and do all the good they can, and if they can do more than me, I am willing. An Elder stands in his own light, when he hinders those under him to get instruction from a higher power. President Campbell's instructions was given by the spirit of the Lord. I wish to say something about the Stars. It was a great matter to enlarge their circulation fourfold; by this means we have three for threepence; and as the interest of the Church will increase, so will every volume increase in interest, and those who are taking their quota, should they take them home to the Valley, will receive for them what they could not have for money. Is it not your interest as well as mine to uphold the office, although the responsibility is on my shoulders. If I saw you burdened, I would devise means to free you. The Saints in Scotland are liberal, and would tax themselves more than would be asked to build up a temple to the Lord. It is for this reason the First Presidency have made a call upon you for a a certain sum in 1852. You have not had much to do yet. The Lord wants to feel after you, to see who is on his side. You done well last

year in purchasing books, &c. I have faith in the Scotch Saints ; but you have had your feelings abused ; it has been allowed to try you. And many have been cut off, but you have turned them home, being too many. Brethren, if you live for any thing but this work, the spirit will leave you. Our brethren in the valley are living up to the line, and have made a covenant to pay Tithing, and their cry is, " Come home, come home ! " Emigration is now opened up, and we want you to go right through to the Valley. I have £1000 in my hands at present for this purpose. But you cannot go all at once. Orson Hyde, Ezra T. Benson, and J. M. Grant are sent to the Bluffs to gather up the saints, that they may help to build up a Temple and be saved. It is left with the Presidency in Liverpool to send out as many as possible this winter, I shall give the Presidency here, instructions how to act. If I take all the poor, the funds will not go far ; but I will take a few poor and a few who are worthy that can pay their passage half way. I intend to do every thing for the good of the poor, and by next spring we will be able to send out many more. In the world, it is every man for himself, and the devil for all ; but, in the Church, it is every one for the Church, to try and build up each other. I expected to stay and labour in this land some time. But the call now is for all the "Twelve" " to be home in 1853." Brother Campbell will receive instructions to send out a certain number, in proportion to the sum subscribed and paid by the Glasgow Conference, into the Perpetual Emigration Fund and who to choose, for this is a day of chosing.

I have called on Elder John Lyon to preside over this Conference ; he is one of yourselves ; and he is a tried, proven man, and one that is approved of. I want you to realize what you are, and get above every thing that is low and grovelling ; and whilst thrones and monarchies are tumbling to the dust, you will have glory, honour, and exaltation. I feel to bless yon all, and to bless your newly appointed President, Brother Lyon, and may we find our way back to that glory we had with the Father before the worlds were—Amen.

Elder Lyon.—" I feel the task assigned me a heavy one—as though I was unqualified to guide such an intelligent people. But I know God will give me His spirit, and in that the Saints will be blessed. I trust I will have the good-will of the people, and that they will uphold me. I desire that you will live faithful in all things. Brothers and sisters, live in peace with each other. Fathers and mothers, learn to live, so as to form your kingdoms at your own firesides, and ask God to bless you all the day long ; and then I shall have no trouble to preside over you. Brethren, will you be of my mind ? if so, I will not be afraid. I am glad that I am here—in my native city—where I received my birth. Where I was early left an orphan, and brought up without any to care for me ; but God knew me and watched over me. Brethren, will you uphold me, and live at peace in your own homes. Husbands, love your wives, Wives, love your husbands, and train up your children in the fear of the Lord ; and may God bless you all. Amen.

S. W. Richards,—" Brethren and Sisters, I have been happy in the anticipation of meeting with you in Conference. I well remember the feelings of love with which I was received here on a former occasion. Six years ago we spent a happy new year together ; and, when I con-

sider the circumstances through which we laboured, and look back on the time when I took the parting hand of the Saints, to return to the home of my fathers, my bosom swells with deep emotion. I do not know how interesting I may be to you, having just emerged from the society of the savage. I may not be able to express myself to you satisfactorily. Some wonder why we leave home to come here, if we were satisfied there. Were I to consult my own feelings, I would be with the Saints in Zion, in the valleys of the mountains. There I have a father and mother, a wife and family; but that which stimulated my Master, Jesus, has led me to come here for the salvation of the world, *even* to all who will listen to my voice. Salvation cannot come to man, but through the Holy Priesthood. The ties that bound me to home were as nothing when the word of the Lord came. I said, 'yes, I'll go.' On our way, we felt full of the Spirit of God; and, along the plains, we felt the spirit of our mission, as fire shut up in our bones. I feel at home again in your midst. I remember, when I came here first, the Church was in its infancy. It looks now like a full grown man, with his boots on. I feel to rejoice in your midst. I love the Scottish Saints, and to be beloved in turn. May God bless you all. Amen."

President Campbell,—"Saints! How have you felt to-day? Like weary travellers who have come to a place where you can be refreshed; and, it's been so good, we have not known what to hand you first. I rejoice to-day in President Franklin, who is over me. I can have no strength without him; and if any President thinks he can be blessed, independent of those over him, I cannot. Brethren, when shall we re-echo the call, to help to build a Temple. I know God is with Franklin, and we will do what he says. I know this Conference will do well under Brother Lyon. I have felt and preached much lately that we were 'too many.' There is a good influence in the Glasgow Branch and Council, they are all united to a man, that he and they talk like men of God, and they hold the keys of this Conference. I now deliver up this Conference to Elder Lyon, and pray God, the Eternal Father, may have the spirit, that he may pour in the oil of consolation into the hearts of this people, and have the wisdom of Daniel's God continually upon him, that he may see clearly your interests, and be able to forestall the devices of satan. I feel as though he will be more successful in adding to the Church than I have been; and, ere long, he will have the hearts and affections of this people. The Saints here are the best people God ever made, that I know! and the man that stands up to speak to this people in faith, shall be able to speak the words of life to them. Brother Lyon is now your President, and I want you to uphold him, and look to him, as you did to me. And, when you remember him in your prayers, do not forget me; for, it is more than gold to me, the affections of this people. Oh, how I rejoice to hear Samuel speak of the people in Zion, they are the people of the living God. There I felt the electricity of heaven—the fluid that comes from on high—whilst listening to Brigham, Heber, and the Apostles of this latter dispensation. I am glad the fire of God is burning there. I rejoice that the Perpetual Fund is doing something. I rejoice in every thing I have heard to-day. I realise that the hand of God is over this people, and I rejoice

in the appointment of Brother Lyon. I could not think of a man I would rather come over this Conference ; and I say, may God bless you all, amen."

The number of officers present were then taken, which were as follows :—Of the quorum of the Twelve, 1 ; High Priests, 1; Seventies, 1; Elders, 77 ; Priests, 50 ; Teachers, 38 ; Deacons, 11. The Meeting then adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock, in the capacity of a Soiree ; which will be long remembered by the Saints of the Glasgow Confereuce.

Trades' Hall—Friday, 11 *a.m.*

Elder Lyon opened the meeting by prayer. Elder Campbell—" feel first-rate, and pray that we may have power to instruct the elders in the things they most need. Travelling Elders, my eyes are upon you, and I will send you to the right places. Those that want ordinations attended to, apply to President Lyon. I want the travelling Elders to give in a faithful report. We look on you as ambassadors, and if you bring back a wrong report, the blood of the people will be on you. You should have impressions about the people you travel among, and know whether they want the gospel. You need to fast and pray, that you may have power with God, for it is hard to convince the people in Scotland : you will have to contend earnestly, for the crown is won only by much wrestling and faithfulness ; and if it were not so, the blessings of God would be valueless, and lavished on people that were not, however, worthy of them. You are nearly all young men, and have got a stripe on your coat, and are on the way to become great and good men, if you conduct yourselves aright ; but if you are not mighty in prayer, you will have little power over the hearts of the people, for they are fortified amid the hard rocks of superstition and bigotry, and none need expect to overcome and be crowned with success but the humble man of God. It is no little thing to be a Travelling Elder. Suppose you come back from a district, and you have not exerted the proper influence, and your heart is cold to the people, and you say they do not want you. We take your report, and send you elsewhere. May not the blood of the people be required at your hands ; therefore see how necessary it is that you should give a correct report. If their blood hang on our skirts, how can we get the blessings preparing for all the faithful, who are clear from this generation. Brethren do you realize your station ; you have hardships, it's necessary that you should. We told you that before we sent you, the blessings are got after much tribulation, not before it. Now, for your reports. We do not want long sermons, and we will forgive you if you do not quote any of the Prophets.

Elder Aird had laboured around Ayr for about six weeks, until all places were closed against him. Went to Stranraer, delivered cards there concerning the Book of Mormon, preached there three nights in a hall, believes there are some good people there, but ill to get at.

Elder Barnes reported Girvan, cold and barren, and did not feel like going back again.

Elder Drennan gave in a good report of Dalmellington and New

Cumnock, &c., he and Elder Ferguson baptised six, and feels good to the people in that region. Elder Ferguson corroborated his statement.

Elder Logan does not feel well to the people of Dumbarton, thinks there will be some good done about Alexandria, also in Helensburgh.

Elder Davies corroborated the testimony of Elder Logan.

Elder Letham, had laboured around Airdrie and Chapalhall, and had preached wherever he could get a place, believes they are a good people, although none had obeyed. Called upon some ministers with circulars, &c.; has some prospects of doing good.

Elders Keith and Tosh reported that they went to Campbelton, and could not get a hall. Went to the mountain to pray, and was directed by the spirit to go north eighty miles, where they found a people who rejoiced in the Gospel, although very ignorant, many came to hear them, and one has been baptised. Believes there will be a great work done in the Highlands, and were willing to go back again. The people cannot read English.

Elder Lynch says, his labours were confined to the Saints in the various branches, they feel first-rate wherever he has been, and will go wherever he is sent, knowing it is there God wants him to go.

Elder Campbell—It is in my heart, where to send the elders. Elder Aird who spoke first, went in a good spirit to the people. He sees no opening about Stranraer. I motion that he labour under Elder's Ferguson and Drennan. Carried.

Elder Barnes, says the people in Girvan are poor, they are indeed.

Elders Ferguson and Drennan have gathered some good people, and in relation to them, I have to say, that they have visited both ministers and people, and been faithful, and some they have brought in, will stand upon Mount Zion. It is a valuable thing to baptise one good man into the Church that will become great in the Kingdom of God. Some have been baptised in this Conference that ought never to have been in the Church. I had thoughts of appointing brothers Drennan to Auchinleck, Old Cumnock, and Lugar, and motion, that he preside over that region. Carried. I motion that Elder Ferguson take charge of the saints in New Cumnock, Dalmellington, &c. Carried. And that brothers Drennan and Aird co-operate with him, and receive his counsel. Carried. I motion that elder Logan continue to labour in the Vale of Leven, and that D. W. Davies labour with him. Carried. I motion that elder Letham return and labour in Airdrie and Chapelhall. Carried. Moved that elders Keith and Tosh go back to the Highlands, and follow the spirit where it leads them. Carried. I feel anxious about the south country, that is, Jedburgh, Selkirk, &c. I want elder Lyon to keep an auxiliary to see that a good spirit prevails in the branches; for I sometimes find it difficult for the good spirit to remain in some branches long after me. This Conference is getting wide spread, and I would call Thomas Lyon to go and do a good work, and I am mistaken if he does not become great. Yet I have been mistaken before. We have brother Lynch to dispose of yet, he is at the disposal of brother Lyon, and would be a good auxiliary to him also. I may have need of him, and when I want him I will write. I would also recommend him as Conference Clerk.

Brother Lyon says, I feel to rejoice in the motions made by Presi-

dent Campbell, and, as regards my son Thomas, I did not expect this honour, conferred upon him. This much I will say, however, that since I went to preach the Gospel three years ago, and left a family of ten children behind me, he has been a father to them in my absence, and God has put it into the heart of brother Campbell to call him to this honourable position, to be an auxiliary to me, as I will be to Brother Campbell

President F. D. Richards.—I rejoice greatly in the prospects before you. Brother Campbell has administered to you so as to meet my approbation in all things. I feel encouraged in relation to Scotland, the human family are in a wretched condition. Go, brethren, in faith, nothing doubting, and the Priesthood in Scotland will prove a battering ram to break down the strong walls that surround the people; for I feel you are some of them the Lord delights to bless. Highland brethren be of good cheer, and as soon as we can we will give you tracts printed in the Gaelic, which you can leave in their houses, and they will tell the tale for you. Brethren, go and you will get the Spirit of Revelation to pick out the honest in heart, and you will find such have been looking forward for the good things of God, but those who live in vice will have to be saved through chastisement, and a good many will have to go down to Hell. God is going to pick out the jewels, and cast the rubbish away. He will rub and polish us until he can see his image in us. We can see his image in the honest in heart, they are the seed of Ephraim, and they will come out and help us to build up the Kingdom. May God give you his holy Spirit, that the people may have comfort in you, and his name be glorified through you, and I hope in a few months, or years at most, we will all meet in Zion. This is my desire, amen.

Elder Campbell said, I move that Elder Henry Baxter preside over Airdrie, and Elder Paul Gourlay preside over Chapelhall. Carried. I will now read the letter from Liverpool, which Franklin mentioned about the Tithing, which is of vital importance. Brother Lyon and I will council together, relative to devising means to raise the sum (£168) in the Glasgow Conference. We will here covenant before God to do it, Voted, that we raise the sum of £168, as our quota of the £249, 10s. from Scotland.

The Statistical Report was then read, when the Meeting was adjourned. with the blessing of the Lord upon all present, realizing we had enjoyed a good and profitable time together.

Book and Star Agent's Account, as Audited by Elders AIRD and DRENNAN.

Debts due by the Branches to the "Star" Agent:

Glasgow	£2	16	7
Airdrie	6	15	7½
Chappelhall	7	9	10½
Lanark	4	3	9
Vale of Leven		17	7½
Greenock	3	16	8½
Paisley		11	5
Kilmarnock	4	9	3
Kilbirnie		19	4
Dalry	3	17	9
Stewarton	1	2	0
Lugar	1	4	6½
Balfron		6	0
Tollcross	5	10	8½
Rutherglen	1	11	0½
Irvine	3	11	5
George Steele, in connection with Saltcoats Branch,		7	4
Auchinairn	1	8	4½
Renfrew		6	4
Francis Collins, in connection with Maybole		4	0
Airdrie, by Robert Brighton		15	0

Total Debts	£52	4	8
Books, Stars, and Pamphlets on hand	56	7	4½
Cash on hand	35	7	0½
	£143	19	1
Due the Office in Liverpool	143	19	1

Expenditure of Conference Fund.

Amount of Conference Fund received for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1851, as per Table	£40	13	4
Received from Travelling Elders for Pamphlets sold	1	1	7
	£41	14	11

Elder Joseph Clements	£8	15	10½	
Rent, Victualling, Coals, Gas, &c., for Elder Robert Campbell and other Travelling Elders	11	9	3	
Books for gratis distribution and sale by Travelling Elders	3	13	9	
Clothes for R. Campbell	3	16	7½	
Elder G. B. Wallace	2	0	0	
Families of Keith and Tosh, Travelling Elders	2	9	9	
Elder Ferguson's family	0	5	0	
Bedstead, Register Grate, and Mattress	1	12	6	
Stationery	0	19	3½	
Postage Stamps	1	3	0	
Clothes for A. M. Harmon	1	6	4	
Elder A. F. M'Donald £1., other Elders 9s.	1	9	0	
Clothes for Elder Lynch £1. 4s. 1d., for Elder Budge £1.	2	4	1	
Lithographed Circulars and Bills	1	8	6	
				£42 12 11½
				£0 18 0½

Amount of Collection raised on the Afternoon of Conference 28th September, 1851,	£2 11 11½
Given to various Travelling Elders in the Conference as per account, audited by Elders Kirkwood and Lynch,	£2 11 11½
Amount of Collections raised during Conference Meetings, on the 1st and 2d days of January, 1852,	£5 8 5
Paid for Hall Rent, and given to Visiting Elders as per account, audited by Elders Lynch and Kirkwood,	£5 8 5

The Perpetual Emigration Fund Treasurer's Books were also audited, and found satisfactory.

My Beloved Brethren,

In compliance with the request of President Campbell, I now take it upon me to write a few words unto you by way of congratulation. And, in the first place, I would say, that in no former period of our Church's history have the Saints experienced more of the favour of God than at the present. Eight years ago, when I entered this Church, the Saints were located in Nauvoo, and were at that time undergoing an ordeal of the hottest persecution: although unknown to thousands in these lands. By and by, however, time brought us intelligence of our beloved Prophet and Patriarch being asassinated, and ultimately the persecution, and finale expulsion of our people from that city, and surrounding districts, which, by assiduous labour they had purchased, and built up as a monument of their faith and patience. Then came the triumph of bigotry and superstition, and the more unfeeling hostility of religious intolerance over virtue and unsuspecting innocence. Thousands were driven from their comfortable homes to seek a resting place in the desolate prairies. The world afar heard of the unnatural act, and rejoiced in the murderous extermination of a law-abiding people. But, in the midst of all this, did the hearts of our leaders fear to stand fast by their people, and to seek after their seemingly perishing interests? No! Let their unwearied exertions, the spoiling of their goods, and the more hazardous enterprise of bearing the van in their cruel exodus, speak for the character of those great men whom the world has vilified; and of the fidelity of the people, whom death, in all its most terrifying forms could not subdue; and, which valour and indefatigable exertion has gained for them, and for thousands more, a territory larger than Great Britain, in the space of a few years

In the midst of all this, we, as a people, find that in proportion as our brethren in America have spread out their skirts, and enlarged their borders, the Saints in Great Britain, have had given to them an increased portion of the Spirit of God, not only to preach the Gospel in this land, but to help forward the glad tidings to other nations. In this we rejoice and are glad, but our joy is not limited to this alone. The gradual influx of inhabitants to the Great Salt Lake City, with the universal desire of gathering, and the onward vigilance of the authorities, having devised means for the Emigration of the poor, and also proposed a mode of Tything for the building of the Temple, wherein the intelligence of heaven may be revealed. All this being now in operation, you need not be told the response which is now being made by a universal spirit of obedience and philanthropy, unequalled in the annals of religious enthusiasm.

Who could believe our report, were it not developed before our most sanguine expectations, and point us to look forward to the realization of all that holy prophets have foretold of the latter-day glory; yea, brethren, all these things are being fulfilled, and while the day brightens on to its meredian, the world will not understand the designs of the Lord: yea, and many who see, will be made blind by the glory of Zion; stand fast, therefore, my brethren in your most holy faith, let no sacrifice be too great for the onward spread of the work, for where the heart is, there will your treasure be, and, when your treasures are deposited in the name of the Lord, there will be the accumulated interest of a hundred-fold.

The servant of the Faithful,

For Christs' Sake,

JOHN LYON.

PILGRIM SAINT'S SONG

My hope is in Jesus, who soon shall appear,
Then fret not my soul, for his coming is near;
The hour of his judgement already is come,
And the faithful to Zion are gathering home!

Ah! who would rejoice in a land such as this,
Where the needy are taught that oppression is bless;
Where the hypocrite fawns to the rich in deceit,
And the poor lick the dust from the soles of their feet.

Where avarice reigns and where Mammon's adored;
Where wealth has no sympathy, heart-broke implored,
Where priests in sheep's clothing, such grandeur revere,
And pass the lone poor as if pest'lence were near.

Though thorny the path be, thro' sin's gloomy curse,
And all the black crimes that pale penury nurse!
Yet, they'll vanish like dew, in the sun of our rest,
When the slave shall be free from the hand that oppress.

Lo! truth has sprung out of the earth, and from heaven
An angel has come, with the gospel, and given
Those records of truth, long, long, hid in the earth,
Which restores in its fulness the heavenly birth.

The scoffer may sneer, and the bigot may frown,
But God's truth shall flourish the more it's press'd down,
Till the earth be restored, as in Eden of yore,
And the beauty of holiness bloom evermore.

Then I'll hie me away, where my brethren be,
To the land of the seer to the home of the free,
Where we will have knowledge, and faith to rely on,
The pure word of God, in the city of Zion

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